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GOVERNMENTS OF COLOMBIA, CUBA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,
ECUADOR, GUYANA, HONDURAS, PANAMA, PERU AND VENEZUELA

Advisory Services on Trade Expansion and Economic Integration (Phase II)
(RLA/78/026)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	February 1979
Starting date of project activities:	January 1979 (under advance authorization)
Planned completion date:	December 1980
To be executed by:	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Regional implementing agency:	Not applicable
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$718 400
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The expansion of trade, and especially of commercial relations, among developing countries acts as a stimulus to the establishment of new industries and the more efficient use of existing productive capacities. Such expansion widens the range of the products produced and exported as well as their path of distribution. In recent years, the countries of Latin America have recognized the importance of establishing strong trade relations within the region and have taken several steps towards achieving this goal.

2. The present project constitutes a follow-up to the first phase project, Advisory Services on Trade Expansion and Economic Integration (RLA/73/003)1/, implemented between January 1974 and April 1978. The principle activities of the project include:

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(a) the establishment of co-operative relations at the highest level with all of the processes of integration and co-operation in Latin America and with the various regional, subregional and national organizations involved in these processes; (b) the establishment of operational links between important government trade entities in a significant number of Latin American countries; and (c) the promotion of technical co-operation between governments and between organizations of economic co-operation. The project also attempted, to a lesser extent, to establish relations between countries and organizations of economic co-operation and several United Nations technical assistance projects.

2. The Phase II project is intended to consolidate the results of the first phase through the achievement of the objectives described below.

II. Objectives and activities

4. The principal objectives of Phase II project are to expand trade and promote economic integration and technical co-operation among the participating countries. UNDP experts will work with regional personnel in the following activities: (a) promotion of regional and subregional co-operation in the areas of: i) trade, production, and money and finance; ii) direct support to the Secretariats for the processes of co-operation and economic integration; iii) formulation of trade policies towards developed countries and multinational corporations; iv) transfer of technology; and v) establishment of multinational enterprises in developing countries; and (b) promotion of expanded trade and economic and technical co-operation with other developing countries and regions.

III. Inputs

5. UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, for the services, for a period of two years each, of three regional advisors on trade policy and expansion and economic co-operation among developing countries, of ad-hoc consultants and support personnel, and for group training.

IV. Financial Data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	656 400
Training	49 700
Miscellaneous	12 300
	718 400

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